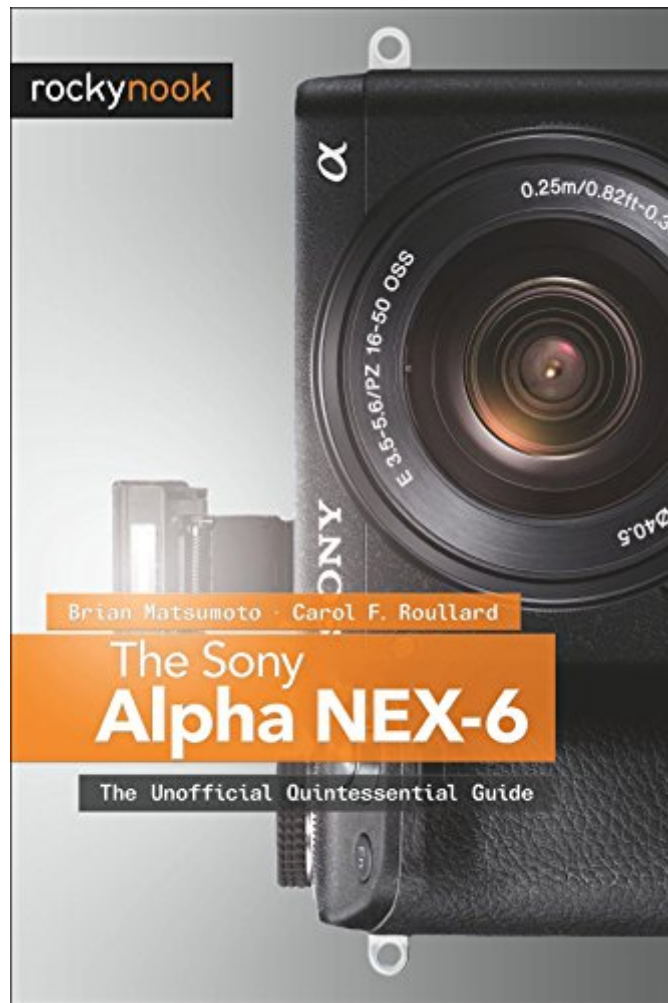


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The Sony Alpha NEX-6: The Unofficial Quintessential Guide



Synopsis

The Sony Alpha NEX-6: The Unofficial Quintessential Guide provides a wealth of experience-based information and insights on this exciting new camera. Authors Brian Matsumoto and Carol F. Roullard team up to help the new owner navigate past the confusion that often comes with using a complex and powerful camera. This book explores the features and capabilities of the camera in a way that far surpasses the user's manual. It guides the reader through the camera features with step-by-step instructions for setting menu commands, and explains how, when, and why these adjustments are needed. Every button, dial, switch, and menu configuration setting is explored in a friendly manner, with suggestions and tips for setup according to various shooting styles. The informative text is illustrated with screenshots and example images throughout, making it easy to follow along. The authors cover everything from the camera's basic features to advanced photographic applications. The first section of the book teaches new users to start taking pictures immediately by using the camera's Intelligent Auto and Superior Auto modes. In the second section, you'll learn how to begin taking control by switching to the semi-automatic modes. Finally, you'll learn to take full manual control of the camera, which will allow you to capture images that are a unique reflection of your creative personality. Brian and Carol go beyond just the camera itself and share how third-party software and optional accessories can improve on the camera's standard commands. You'll even learn how the electronic viewfinder and Sony's novel shutter design improve the camera's utility for critical scientific photography (i.e., photomicrography). The Sony Alpha NEX-6: The Unofficial Quintessential Guide will allow you to take control of your camera, push the envelope, and have fun.

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The Sony Alpha NEX-6 -- The Unofficial Quintessential Guide -- is a book by photographers for photographers. Like other Rocky Nook books by these authors it is primarily aimed at users new to photography or those moving up from simpler point-and-shoot cameras. But more than that, it also is useful to more experienced photographers changing systems from other manufacturers or even those experienced DSLR users transitioning to the mirror-less e-mount system used by the NEX cameras, and now being developed by Sony as their primary system for the future. The NEX-6 is a complex camera - a wolf in sheep's clothing as it were, as feature rich and powerful as any DSLR, and one of the first to incorporate limited Wi-Fi features, enabling the user to personalize the camera with downloadable applications ("apps"). These apps can be downloaded through a computer as well as "over the air." It is a compact camera with little room for external controls. A downside to this is that the menu system is cumbersome at best, but this book does a credible job of presenting it in a comprehensible manner and demystifying some of the camera's more complex features enabled or disabled in that menu. This, however, is a review of the book, not the camera. Its authors, both lifelong photographers, have accumulated a wealth of experience way above the level of this book or many of its users. Their experience with many cameras and types of photography, both technical and recreational, makes them uniquely qualified to write at all levels of photography, which they have done over the years.

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